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NO. 10.

# NO STRIKE OF MINERS

Vote in Favor of Accepting the Wage

ALL THE STATES AGAINST STRIKE

Allinois and Iowa the Only Two Where the Majority was Two to One Against the Scale and for a Str ke-President Mitchell Much Pleasness, a sailor, convicted in Brooklyn, ed-Another Conference Between Operators of the murder of George B. Townsend, the captain of his vessel. He is and Mine Workers to Restore Agreement.

Indianapolis, Ind., (Special).-At the national headquarters of the United puted by the national officers. They are positive the scale has been accepted and there will be no strike.

voting it is estimated that 135,000 voted, and of these 85,500 voted for the scale and 46,500 voted against it and in favor of a strike.

Maryland did not vote, not being sure it was entitled to vote. West The Latest Happenings Condensed for Virginia reports are meager, and no estimate is made. Indiana cast 10,000 votes-a majority of two to one for the scale. Illinois cast 30,000 votes, with a majority of two to one against the scale and in favor of a strike. Pennsylvnia cast 50,000 votes, with a to one for the scale. Iowa cast 10,ooo votes, with a majority for a strike. Michigan cast a small vote for the scale. Ohio cast 35,000 votes, with four to one for the scale.

President Mitchell said he was pleased with the reports that have come in. He expressed confidence that the proposition of the operators would be accepted. He said that in case it were accepted a meeting of the joint scale committee would probably be called for Monday of next week to sign the contract for the central com-

petitive field. When the committee meets it is understood that it will appoint a time for the next conference between the operators of the central competitive field and the mineworkers, and in this manner restore the interstate agreement system to its former position.

The greatest opposition to an acceptance of the operators' proposition was expected from Illinois and Iowa, representing about \$5,000 of the total of 100,000 votes.

#### EXPLOSION OF LIQUID AIR.

#### Killed, Another Injured and the Vicinity Shaken.

New York, (Special).-The explosion of a tank of liquid air in the laboratory of the American Liquid Air Company killed one man, caused a panic among the employes in the place, and shook the entire neighbor-hood like an earthquake. Edward Corliss, of Bar at a compressed-air machine, when the tank, which was only a few feet away from him, burst with a terrific its socket and the other was muti-

Only four men were in the laboratory at the time. They were all badly

Soon as one of them, Edward Russel, regained his faculties he went to the superintendent of the place and

"If I had known I was taking such desperate chances with my life I never would have worked near liquid air.' he said as he put on his hat and coat

## "LIKE A CITY OF DEATH."

#### Port Arthur Seemed to Be on Fire From Boat.

London, (By Cable).-In a dispatch scribes an inspection of Port Arthur made from a boat. The new city seemed to be on fire; three columns of smoke were ascending from it. The Bread Hill fort appeared to have suffered terribly; the defenses were shattered and the earthworks torn up. No guns were visible. The line of forts on the Tiger's Tail also appeared to have suffered damage. At surrise no sign of life could be seen anywhere, and Port Arthur looked like a city of inside did not appear to have steam ment that he was a Morman.

## Charged With Peonage.

Savannah, Ga., (Special).-In the United States District Court, before bly dispersed the congregation. Judge Speer, argument was submitted on the constitutionality of the acts of Congress against peonage. The parties indicted are Sheriff McClellan, of Ware county, and Attorney Crawley, of the Way Cross bar, charged with selling negroes to be held in peonage. Judge Newman, of the northern district of Georgia, has held the law to be invalid. An argument against the law by William Toomer upheld the right of the state court to take any

### Ticket Office Robbed.

Harrisburg, Pa., (Special).-Pointing revolvers into the face of Night Operator and Ticket Agent C. U. Cassel, in the Hammelstown Station of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway at 10:30 P. M., two men, wearing false mustaches, demanding all the money Cassel, who had been sitting with his back to the door, was taken by surprise and compelled to open the cash drawer, which contained \$15 in small change. The men took e money and escaped, going toward Harrisburg.

Russian Treason Case. Vienna, (By Cable).-A telegram from Lemberg says that Captain Leontieff of the Russian General Staff was recently arrested at Warsaw for having sold to a foreign Power a list of the secret agents maintained by the Russian General Staff in the frontier districts of Russia's western neighbor. The discovery was made through the delivery of a money order to another person of the same name.

Leontieff is reported to have been

#### to have been executed February 8, but the execution was stayed by an appeal to the Court of Appeals, taken by Mineworkers of America estimates on his attorney, without the consent of the vote of the miners had been com- the condemned man.

The letter says in substance that the writer believes himself deserving of the death penalty, which he wants inflicted with all speed possible. He Of the 190,000 miners in the states declares he does not want a new trial. Indied down Monday, and was in favoring it is estimated that 135,000 as he has a violent temper which he or of the Government. The opinion by causing great confusion. as he has a violent temper which he is unble to control.

## **NEWS IN SHORT ORDER**

WANTS NO DELAY IN EXECUTION.

Murderer Believes He Is Deserving of the

Albany, N. Y. (Special).-Governor

Odell has received a most extraordi-

to death for murd r, requesting the

vent any attempt to delay the execu-

confined to Sing Sing Prison and was

The writer is Frank H. Bur

# Rapid Reading.

#### Domestic.

Lieut, G. S. Richards and F. B. Nielson have returned from Manila under arraignment to appear before a a majority of two to one for the scale.

Kentucky had a small vote, with three of duplicating their pay accounts in

the Philippines. The directors of the Corn Product Company passed the dividend on the company's common stock; the usual character in question: quarterly dividend of 31/4 per cent. on the preferred stock was declared.

Second Deputy Police Commissioner Henry F. Haggerty was removed by Commissioner McAdoo after he had refused to hand in his resignation.

Eugene Allison, the builder of the wrecked Hotel Darlington, in New was closely questioned during the coroner's inquest.

The Citizens' Alliance of Telluride, Col., has shipped a number of union men and their sympathizers out of

William E. Miller, a member of th Light Brigade which made the famous charge at Balaklava, died at Grotan,

President Hill nd other officials of held a conference in New York.

were injured in an explosion that wrecked a toy factory in Chicago.

The miners of the central competitive district voted, by a large majority, to accept the wage scale. The only opposition was in Illinois and Iowa, where the majority was in favor

Railroad.

Frank H. Barness, a condemned report. One of his legs was torn from murderer, has written to Governor Odell requesting that there be no delay in his execution.

The petition of Mrs. Annie Murphy to be declared the lawful daughter of the late Baron von Glahn was de-

State Senator Jewell, of Kansas City, was brought to trial upon the

charge of soliciting a bribe. The provisional battalion of Philip pine scouts has arrived at San Fran-

Admiral Dewey has explained to the Navy Department his failure to call on President Morales when he was cases we near San Domingo. He did not deem tention. the fighting that was then in progress. In a fit of jealousy a negro killed

from Cheefoo, dated on March 12, a his wife and then himself at Washingcorrespondent of the Daily Mail de- ton, Pa. The tragedy took place at the door of a church where a festival was in progress and the negroes in attendance were thrown into a panic. A letter received in New York state

that Miss Ando Toshi became the idol of the Japanese by stealing the map of the defenses of Port Arthur and taking them to the Japanese Minister in China. Former Senator Rawlins, of Utah

sent a telegram to Chairman Burows of the Senate committee on Smoot, The torpedo-boat destroyers flatly contradicting Judge Hiles' state-Just as the members of a fanatical religious sect were about to sacrifice

the seven-year-old child of Mrs. Beal

on Beals Island, Me., the sheriff forci-The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in New York received by cable confirmation of the murder of Rev. Benjamin W. Laboree, the mis-

#### sionary, near Khio, Persia. Foreign.

Officials of the American Embassy in Paris are considering points of French law to insure protection of the United States when payment of \$40,-000,000 for Panama Canal property is made.

The German government has a the the Reichstag to appropriate \$1,675. ooo for expenses in suppressing Herero rebellion in German South-

west Africa. Lewis Vernon-Harcourt, eldest son of William Vernon-Harcourt, has been elected to the House of Commons.

It is admitted in British government circles that Premier Balfour suffered a personal defeat in only being able to keep his ministry in power by a majority of 46. The French Court of Cassation con

tinued in the investigation of the War Office documents in the Dreyfus case. On account of conflicting reports of the intentions of the Japanese commanders in Manchuria the Russian

corps which has arrived at Harbin will be detained there. Twenty-four States of the United States have passed industrial arbitra-

Waitresses at Rochester, N. Y., have formed a union. A shorter workday

The trials of the rioters and murderers at Kishineff were concluded. One man was sentenced to 20 years for the murder of a Jewish couple.

## R. R. MERGER IS ILLEGAL

Long-Expected Decision Rendered Against Northern Securities Company.

# SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS GOVERNMENT

nary letter from a man condemned Harlan, Brown, McKenna, Day and Brewer interference of the executive to pre-Outvote Others-Chief Justice Supported By White, Peckham and Holmes-Sherman Anti-Trust Law Applies to Railroad Combinations-Holding Company a Mere Dodge.

> Washington, D. C., (Special).-The opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of the Northern Securities Company vs. the stampede. As the road between Anju United States, involving the merger of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern Railroad Companies, was or of the Government. The opinion was read by Justice Harlan.

ty. Justice Harlan was supported by Brewer, the last-named concurring for reasons different from those of the others. Chief Justice Fuller, Justices White, Peckham and Holmes dis-

The opinion of the United States Circuit Court for the District of Minnesota was affirmed.

The effect is to sustain the contenapplies to railroad combinations of the maintains is legal action with respect

ger of the two roads the stockholders the Supreme Court that the Government has sought a writ of mandamus disappeared and reappeared in the Securities Company, the two thus beholding company, the principal object tutional that part of the Chinese Ex being to prevent competition.

"No scheme or device could cerand it is within the meaning of the act a trust."

The contentions of the Securities Company were reviewed, and Justice Harlan said they had received full attention. He quoted the various opinthe Northern Securities Companies ing that from them it is to be gather-Two persons were killed and several trade, reasonable or unreasonable, are prohibited by the Sherman law, and that Congress has the power to establish such regulations as are laid down

A suit has been brought by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad to secure a condemnation of stock road to secure a condemnation of stock in the old New Haven and Derby he said, the authority of Congress is District Court, and that none of the supreme. He also declared it to be unnecessary to determine the right of the clerk of his court. owners of railroad stock to sell their property, nor was it true that the right of the Securities Company to own and hold railroad stock is the only question involved. Such contentions are wide of the mark-mere men of straw. All that the Government complains of is the existence of a corporation to repress commerce, and

is not concerned with the other points. Justice Harlan said that in this day there should be no doubt of the complete power of Congress to control inter-State commerce, and that all ap propriate means might be resorted to for that purpose. All the prior trust cases were in support of that con tention. Whether free and unre it wise to make an official visit during strained competition was wise, he said was an economic question with which the court need not concern itself; the question was that of statutory law.

He asserted the power of Congress complete as the power of a State over the War Department. domestic commerce

Coming to the plea of the railroads that the anti-trust law should be declared unconstitutional, he said that "If." he went on, "the Securities Company's contentions are sound, why may not all the railroads of the United States enter into a combination, and, by the device of a holding corporation. control rates throughout the country in defiance of Congress?"

## PENSIONS FOR MAIL CLERKS.

### Penrose's Bill Aims to Protect Those Employed on Railroads.

A plan for pensioning railway mail clerks has been advised by Senator Penrose and is embodied in a bill presented in the Senate. A fund will be accumulated by deducting 1 per cent a month from the salary of the clerks and from fines imposed on them by the department for neglect of their duties, infractions of discipline or for other reasons. This fund will be con trolled by the postmaster general and

will be disbursed under his direction. The bill provides that clerks who have served 20 years in the railway mail service and have been incapacitated by reason of such service, because of all-health or by accident, or who have attained the age of 65 years, shall be eligible to retirement at full pay. No clerk so retired shall receive more than \$1,000 a year, all salary payable to him in excess of that amount being turned into the pension fund. One per cent of all pensions shall also be deducted for the

benefit of the general fund. It is understood this bill has the approval of the postoffice department and was in part prepared by the de-

Omaha, Neb., (Special).-Maj William H. Bean, U. S. A., committed suicide by shooting. Ordered to the Philpippines, he had his trunk packed and taken to the depot. Immediately afterwards he asked his wife to play on the piano, and while she was playing he thrust an army revolver to his right temple and fired. The bullet lodged in his brain and he died almost immediately.

### NO POISONED SWORDS.

But Japanese Had Planned to Blow Up Russian Cavalry

St. Petersburg, (By Cable).-The talk of "pyroxiline" (poisoned) swords having been left behind by the fleeing Japanese is based on the mistransla tion of a Russian technical term. Genearal Zilonski, chief of staff to Viceroy Alexieff, in a telegram said that pyroxiline had been found in the form of disc-shaped torpedoes, six inches in diameter, which the Japanese intended to use in bestrewing the road over which the Russians were expected to pass, in order that the explosions resulting from the impact of the horses hoofs might cause a and Ping Yang is very narrow, the hoofs of the horses of the Russian cavalry and artillery and the wheels of the wgons would have been certain

# The decision was by a bare majori- LIVE WASHINGTON AFFAIRS

## Justices Brown, McKenna, Day and No American Slave Dealers in the Philippines.

To Mandamus a Judge.

In the Supreme Court the Govern ment, through Attorney-General Knox, applied for a writ of mandamus to compel Judge Francis J. Wing, of the United States District Court of the Northern District of Ohio, to tion that the Sherman anti-trust law take what the Department of Justice to certain Chinese expulsion cases Justice Harlan said that in the mer- This is the first time in the history of against a Federal Judge.

coming practically consolidated in a that Judge Wing, in holding unconsticlusion law which provides for the deportation of alien Chinese after a hearing before a United States comtainly more effectively come within the prohibition of the anti-trust law decisions of the United States Supreme Court and is preventing the deportation of Chinese who are unlawfully in the United States.

According to Mr. Knox's petition the proceedings in Judge Wing's Court are peculiar. Many Chinese exclusion cases recently have arisen i that district. Chinese persons, said ions involving the trust question, saved that all contracts in restraint of and by him were ordered deported Their counsel then went before Judge Wing with proceedings in appeal, and on the showing made the Judge re leased them. Subsequently, it is said, in that law. Cong. ess had power to Judge Wing refused to take the necessary steps to have the papers filed in the District Court, wheh would enenact the statute.

Replying in detail to the points made for the Securities Company, Justable the Government to appeal the cases to the United States Suprement made for the Securities Company, just tice Harlan said that the contention cases to the United States Supreme that the law is an interference with Court. He held that the proceedings papers, therefore, should be filed by

The result has been to nullify efforts of the Government to get the cases before the Supreme Court, Judge Wing's position effectually blocking all proceedings in the cases after he

Cleveland .- Judge Wing recently released a number of Chinamen brought before him upon the charge of being in the United States unlawfully, on the ground that they had not been proven Chinese.

## To Abolish Pension Office.

In connection with the Administration's plan now before Congress for the consolidation of the Record and Pension and Adjutant-General's offices of the War Department, a rumor is current that this is only the beginning of a Presidential movement for the abolition of the Pension Ofover inter-State commerce to be as fice and the transfer of its duties to

If this rumor be true-and there i good reason for the belief that it Attempt to Demolish Building Failed to Have has at least a foundation of truththe greatest care is being taken by the court could not see its way to that those involved in the scheme to prevent its becoming known. According to the rumor the plan for the con solidation of the two War Department offices, with Brig.-Gen. F. C. Ainsworth at the head of the new office, originated with the President; that it is his intention, in the event of his election, to abolish the Pension Office as a branch of the Interior Department and place all the duties and powers of the Commissioner of Pensions in the hands of General Ains It must be distinctly under worth. stood that this rumor cannot at present be confirmed. The greatest circumspection is being shown by the officials of the Government plying to any questions appertaining to the alleged scheme.

## Diplomatic Appointments.

The Senate in executive session con firmed the following nominations:

John Barrett, Oregon, envoy extra ry to Panama; Arthur M. Beaupre, Illinois, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the Argentine Republic; William W. Russell, District of Columbia, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Columbia; Henry W. Shoemaker, O. secretary of legation at Lisbon, Portugal; Nelson O'Shaughnessy, New New York, secretary of legation at Copenhagen, Denmark; Louis A. Dent, Dis trict of Columbia, consul at Dawson City, Yukon territory, Canada; James Tanner, register of wills for the District of Columbia; James H. Monteath, agent for the Indians of the Blackfleet Agency, Montana.

## Congressional and Departments.

Chief Judge Clabaugh sustained the lemurrer of former Commissioner of Pensions H. Clay Evans to the amended declaration of Henry D. Phillips. Professor Burr discussed the ques-

tion of sanitation of the Panama Ca

nal route before the House committee. Commissioner of Pensions Ware has issued an order making changes in the age considerations in ratings. The Dietrich Investigating Committee resumed its inquiry into the charges against Senator Dietrich. -

NEW PENSION RULING.

Bureau Fixes the Age Limit for Civil War Veterans.

Commissioner of Pensions Ware with the approval of Secretary Hitch cock has promulgated the most import ant pension ruling that has been is sued in a long time. The order follows:

Ordered, in the adjudication of pension claims under said act of June 27 1890, as amended, it shall be taken and considered as an evidential fact if the contrary foes not appear, and if all other legal requirements are properly met, that when a claimant has passed the age of 62 years he is disabled one-half in ability to perform manual labor and is entitled to be rated at \$6 per month; after 65 years at \$8 per month; after 68 years, at \$10 per month; and after 70 years, \$12 per month.

Allowance at higher rates, not exceeding \$12 per month, will continue to be made as heretofore, where disabilities other than age show a condition of inability to perform manual

This order shall take effect April 13, 1904, and shall not be deemed retroactive. The former rules of the office fixing the minimum and maximum at 65 years and 75 years respectively are hereby modified as above.

The order itself is prefaced by a preamble which, after citing the laws, says the pension bureau has established with reasonable certainty the average nature and extent of the infirmity of old age; that 39 years after the Mexican war, congress, in 1887, placed on the pension roll all Mexican war soldiers who were over 62 years old. Commissioner Ware, just before leaving for a trip south for his health, spoke as follows regarding the order, which he said, would save both the old soldiers and the government a great

deal of money and time. There has long been in the bureau a rule fixing a maximum age limit at \$12 for 75 years. This was made during Mr. Cleveland's administration by Commissioner Lochren.

#### GERMANS WANT SANTO DOMINGO. Efforts to Secure Control of that Revolutionary

Advices from Santo Domingo indicate Germany is at work to gain a preponderant influence in that republic as will give her a reasonable excuse to exercise a protectorate over the country if not to make it a German

recent arrival there of the nephew of the late President Heureaux whose assastination preceded the revolutions, is connected with Germany's designs. M. Heureaux, it is stated has been exiled and the hint comes the cause of his exile is the suspicion that he is really acting in the interest of

Germany.

One of the plans attributed to Germany is the purchase from Spain, of a debt of over \$21,000,000. This debt was contracted after the war of independence in 1863 when a treaty was signed in which Spain recognized the independence of Santo Domingo and the latter recognized the above indebtedness which has never been paid. It is asserted at a much later date Spain freed the island from this liability with the condition that the debt

should be paid in the event of its annexation to some foreign power. If Spain should transfer this debt to Germany and the latter power should insist on its validity, it would make Germany the heaviest creditor of the island. Should she try to collect the debt the only settlement possible would be the giving to Germany of

Santo Domingo territory. It is believed in Santo Domingo, ac cording to the advices received here, that unless the United States soon undertakes the pacification of the republic, Germany will step in and undertake the task.

## COURT HOUSE DYNAMITED.

Much Effect. An attempt was made to wreck the Court House at St. Marys, W. Va., by dynamite. The last presoner had been released and Jailer D. L. Stine moved into a dwelling several squares

The dynamiters forced open north door. In the southeast corner of the jail near the ceiling they placed a stick of dynamite and attached a fuse which led to the corridor. The explosion occurred about 11 o'clock at night, and although Policeman Riggs was on the spot within five minutes

he found no trace of the perpetrators. Windows were shattered, the ceiling torn loose and the floor of the court room raised in that corner a foot, Some think it was done by someone who had once been confined in the jail. Others suggest that the deed was committed by parties who are in favor of a new Court House. Two years ago the County Commissioners caused to be recorded in their minute book the fact that the building was unsafe, and also passed an order providing for the erection of a new building, going so far as to pay about \$2,-000 for an architect's plans, but have

## since done nothing.

All Three Shot Dead. New Orleans, (Special) .- Dr. W. W. Jones, a physician of Philadelphia, Miss., and Roy Esche, a-planter, became engaged in a shooting affray on Sunday, due to Dr. Jones circulating damaging reports concerning Esche's sister. Both men were killed as was Frank Burnett, a brother of Esche, who tried to restore peace between the two men.

#### Saloonkeepers Held for Death. The appellate court at Springfield,

Ill., holds that saloon men are liable for the death of their patrons who die while under the influence of liquor sold them by the defendants. case was that of Kate Algood, who was awarded \$3000 damages against William Botwinis, a saloon man of that city, for the death of her husband, George Algood, who had been drinking in the saloon of Botwinis, and who, while on his way home in an intoxicated condition, fell from his buggy and received fatal injuries.

# UNIVERSITIES MAY MERGE.

Plan to Unite Three Big Institutions at Washington.

Washington, D. C., (Special). - A plan has been suggested to unite Columbian, American and National Universities of the District of Columbia to form the nucleus of a great national university at the Capital City.

The trustees of the American University, with its endowment of over \$2,000,000 and its wide tract of ground in the northwestern suburbs, have discussed the project. Bishop McCabe, the head of the University, has spoken

favorably of the idea. President Needham of Columbian University and a number of the other officers of that institution have expressed a willingness to meet the American University people and consider the project. The National University officers are favorable. It is entirely probable that within the next few months such a meeting of the different interests will be had.

#### WILD PANIC IN COTTON.

#### Announcement of Failure Brings Rush for Selling Orders.

Daniel J. Sully, the cotton operator, who has for 15 months been the biggest figure in the cotton markets of the world and who has "bulled" cotton from seven cents a pound to over 17, announced his inability to make good his engagements on the New York Cotton exchange Friday. Within a few months cotton fell nearly \$13 a bale

from the highest figures of the day. All previous records of stock panics are eclipsed by the mad frenzy tollowing the tidings of the failure. In the memory of many brokers corners in spot and futures have been smashed, out no scene has ever been witnessed in the history of the 'change like the mad turmoil accompanying the collapse of Daniel J. Sully & Co.

For a few seconds after Superintendent King read the announcement which was at 2:05 o'clock, there was an ominous quiet. Brokers stood as if stunned by the news that the king had fallen. Then as if by a single imrulse, a mighty shout went up from the bears. They had fought Sully and his bull clique for months, and the tidings of surrender after he had show ed cotton from seven cents a pound to over 17 cents frenzied every man of them, each of whom at one time or another had been under the mighty

Hats filled the air, to fall where they would and be trampled to a shapeless pulp, in the mad stampede from the pit. Coats were torn from brokers in their mad effort to unload their holdings and chairs were dashed into the circle, to emphasize some wild broker's offer to sell. Soon the news reached the stock, produce and coffee emchange and declines fellowed in nearly all securities.

In the 30 minutes of panic following the announcement of the failure it is estimated that 750,000 bales of cotto were traded in. Of this, upward of 500,000 bales represented forced liquidation, or the selling out of a man whose margins were wiped out. The loss falling upon this element in the slump of 250 points alone amounts to over \$1,000,000.

# Dewey Feared Bullets.

Admiral Dewey has cabled the Navy Department the reasons why he did not pay a visit to President Morales, the head of the provisional government of Santo Domingo.

The Admiral on his flagship, the Mayflower, cruised in waters last week. On the day the Mayflower reached Santo Domingo there was fighting in progress be tween the federal and insurgent troops. One army was on one side of the river which led to the city and the enemy was on the opposite side Transit of the river was accordingly supject to considerable danger. It was deemed inadvisable to run the Mayflower into this wild fire.

## Reward for Indians.

A deed of heroic proportions will receive Government recognition if Senator Quay can induce the Senate to insert an item of \$3,400 in the Indian appropriation bill. This sum he wants distributed, in equal shares, to 17 Sloux who, in 1862, rescued Mrs. Julia Wright and Mrs. Emma Deely and her six children from a band of White Lodge Sioux, which had made captives of them during the Indian

## outbreak

Box of Poisoned Candy. Des Moines, Ia., (Special). - By means of a powerful magnifying glass was discovered that the box of poisoned candy sent to Miss Rena Nelson, at Pierre, S. D., does not bear the Boone (Iowa) postmark. The discovery will have the tendency to prove the innocence of Mrs. Sherman Dye who has been accused of sending the

#### fatal package. COLLEGE BITS.

Recent conditional pledges of \$11,000 have been made to the library fund .f Allegheny College.

chair of railroad engineering and trans portation in general. The chemical laboratory at Ohio State University was recently burned.

with a loss of \$100, . 10,

institution.

McGill University will establish

A scholarship of \$5000 has been pre sented to Brown University by Edgar L. Marston, of New York. President Tucker has named a com

mittee to raise a \$250,000 fund for

three new buildings at Dartmouth Col It has been discovered by the author ities of the University of Michigan that the gambling fever has struck the

Dickinson College's finest building Denny Hall, has been destroyed by It was valued at \$50,000 and

fully insured. Dr. E. B. Wilson, professor of zoolog? at Columbia University, has been elected a member of the Accademia del Lincei, Rome.

The Rev. Joseph H. Geerge, Presi dent of the Chicagoogical Sem Presidency inary, has been off ³eld, Ill. of Drury College

# THE OLD DOMINION

### Latest News Gleaned From All Over the State.

Governor Montague has signed a number if important bills passed by the Legislature, including the Ed-mondson Road bill. This bill makes provision for an overseer of roads in each county, to be elected by the Supervisors. The bill applies to the entire State. He also signed the bill! making an appropriation of \$165,000 to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, and \$55,000 for the State Normal School at Farmville. Other bills signed include the following: To punish persons deserting their wives or minor children without cause; to prevent nepotism in the public-school system; to make April 5 next, a lega holiday so that all who desire it may attend the launching of the battleship Virginia at Newport News; to re quire County Supervisors to make regular publication of their proceedings; to prohibit railroads running excursions to places which have no adequate police protection without the sorts an exception; to appropriate \$25. 000 for an electric plant to light the buildings in the Capitol Square; to allow liquor dealers thrown out of business by local option elections or State dispensaries a rebate on unused licenses; to punish persons throwing stones at or interfering with railway trains, vessels or electric cars

An important decision handed down by the State Supreme Court of Appeals is one in the case of the Old Dominion Steamship Corry vs he Commonwealth. The steamship ompany, which is chartered under he laws of Delaware, contended that he vessels Mobjack, Accomac, Ham; ton Roads, Luray, Virginia, Dare, Brandon and Berkeley were not liable for taxation under the laws of Virginia. The State Corporation Commission decided otherwise and the ompany appealed from the ruling of he commission. The vessels named are engaged exclusively in navigating Virginia waters, while other steam-ers, engaged in interstate commerce, re taxed under the laws of Delaware The stemers ennumerated above carry freight and pasengers from Virginia oints to the ocean-going steamers at Norfolk. The court holds that the finding was without error and affirms the decree in every particular, including damages to the amount of

\$30 and cost. About 800 non-union employes of the American Tobacco Company, Richmond, struck for an increase in The employes are all stemmers and ask for an increase of one-half cent a pound. They say they have fine tobacco to handle and are paid \$2.50 a hundred pounds for stems They claim that

that the slower nearly so much The Virginia, Company is some building

James Picker Morgantown, and with him \$1,100 in money, to his person in wallets, was attacked by three burglars, armed with knives and razors, who entered his bedroom and robbed him of all his savings.

J. H. Miller, arrested in Portsmouth and released after being ordered out of the city, but again arrested for the Norfolk police, was sent to jail for 6e days, the charge against him being robbery from the room of C. H. Har-

graves. The Virginia Corporation Commis-sion has appointed Albert Sydney Lanier, now secretary to Congressman Lamb, assistant chief clerk to succeed B. J. Wysor, resigned.

John Sullivan, fireman on No. 97. the Southern's fast mail train, was fatally injured at Staunton river bridge He was leaning out of the cab window when his head came in contact with the end beam of the bridge and his skull was crushed.

Among recent Virginia weddings re the following: T. C. McAlister, of Orange county, and Mrs. Verona Simms, of Spottsylvania, at Staunton; Miss Ida Gray McCarthy and Mr Ellis Crenshaw, of Richmond; Miss Lulu Boxwell and Harry Seabright, of Uniontown, Pa., at Winchester; Miss Emily Raab was married at Beth Ahaba Synagogue, Richmond, to Adolph Mammel, of Chicago: Miss Mary Hinks Smith, of Winchester, to George H. Kinzel, City Treasurer of

Among the recent deaths in Virginia are the following: Judge Edwin Brown, of Brown's Store, Northum-berland county, aged 87; Capt. R. A. Miller, of Tazewell county, aged 75; John McIntosh, at his farm, White Chimneys, near Pleasant Valley, Va., aged 63 years; G. Waterhouse Harris, near Charlottesville, aged 39; E. Woodfolk, of Newport News, aged 48: John I. McKenna, of Bremo, Va., aged 63; John I. Slaughter, of Richmond, aged 50; J. W. Lockwood, Sr., at Red Bud, near Orange; Mrs. Agnes Booth, of Warrenton, aged 83; J H. McGuffin, of Staunton, aged 54.

Reynoldson Barner, the ten-year-old son of David Barner, formerly fore-man of the construction force of the Western Union Telegraph Company in Petersburg met with a shocking death in Dinwiddie County, near Dinwiddie Station, on the Seaboard Air Line Railway. The unfortunate boy Line Railway. with two of his brothers, was engaged in felling a tree to be used by them in building a dam across a creek. The ree in falling struck Reynoldson and his head was caught between a limb of the tree and a large rock and his

skull crushed. Unless a higher court comes to their aid President Sols L. Bloomberg of the City Council; Luther Dawson lawyer of previous good repute, and Harry Marks, a merchant, must pay I. H. Busby \$30,000 for conspiring to destroy his business. Busby has been a leading merchant in Richmond for years. He asked for \$50,000 damages on the ground that Dawson, Marke and Bloomberg, the latter also being lawyer, have consided to bring his creditors down on him on the pre tense of settling his affairs. Some sensational developments resulted verdict for \$30,000 wa rendered.